



## Chips & Shavings

March 2018

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March - Mini symposium

This month we are having our first 2018 Mini Symposium. These events are special in that they offer the opportunity to observe several different aspects of turning and decoration at one event. They are also special in that the demonstrations are performed by our own members. This club is very proud to have members of all skill levels. We can all learn something new and woodturners are, in large, well known for their willingness to share their secrets with all.

There will be no Show and Tell this month but feel free to bring your projects for display.

Demonstrator	Subject
Dan Stromstad	Easy bowl turning using a vacuum chuck
Jimmy Allen	Lidded Boxes
Jeff Marshall	Lathe projects for beginning turners
Carol Zandell	Lattice work on the lathe
Pat McCart	Sharpening lathe tools (Please bring any tools you would like sharpened)
Michael Poirier	<b>How to sue the "Wedgie Sled" for segmented turnings</b>
Leah Young	How to access and use the SPSW Video Library
John Howard	AAW Symposium Pre-registration

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## New Setup Time for 2018

Our setup time has moved from 6:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

The meeting start time 7:00 PM

### 2018 Membership

Join or renew your membership for 2018. You can find the membership form in this newsletter, or on our web site.

### Social Media accounts:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners-173957185984457/>

Pinterest - <http://www.pinterest.com/spswoodturners/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/spswoodturners>

YouTube - [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG\\_n8QqBST6pw](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCE8ZRLhj4kVG_n8QqBST6pw)



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## Letter from the President



2018 moves forward with interesting demonstrations at monthly meetings and very active sawdust sessions. In my message **this month, I'd like to focus on the last chance at the discounted registration for the AAW Symposium, Sawdust Sessions, and restarting an SPSW mentoring program.**

**AAW Symposium:** It has been many years since the American Association of Woodturners (AAW) has held their highly regarded 4-day symposium on the west coast, but this year it **will be just "down the road" in Portland from June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>.** So far, 26 SPSW members are signed up to take advantage of **the AAW's discounted pre-registration offer** for AAW Chapters like the SPSW. You need to be an AAW member to qualify for the discounted registration, but AAW dues plus the discounted registration price is much cheaper than non-member registra-

**Sawdust Sessions:** **I'd like to focus a bit on the sawdust sessions this month in this President's message. First and foremost, special thanks to Nancy Sweazey, both for offering her shop for these Saturday sessions, and for her excellent brownies!**

The sessions we have had so far this year have been wonderful; **very well attended and busy! At last month's, we had 23 people and 5 lathes going continuously from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.** We usually have a few new members show up, but also have a larger group of experienced members willing to help new turners, or who have a special project they would like some help with getting started. Most of us who go to these Saturday sessions feel privileged to pass on some of the skills others have shared with us over the years. Please join us, and get ready for some fun because, as usual, we will be having another sawdust session the Saturday after our meeting. See me if you need the address or directions. Newer turners, be sure to bring along any tools or projects that you have. We can help with getting your tools sharpened or getting your project on a lathe to get you started.



## SPSW Mentors

SPSW Mentors: At our last Board of Directors meeting, we determined that we should **update our mentor list and then see if we can better connect people hoping for a little “one-on-one” instruction with people able to provide that service. Mentors are SPSW members that** have enough experience to invite other club members into their shops and help them learning various turning skills. In the past, the SPSW has identified a group of skilled turners that invited people into their shops and helped people to gain new skills. This service is very valuable to newer turners and also helps connect our members with each other. Over the next couple of months, we will be asking for volunteers willing to fill this role.

**Sometimes people hesitate to volunteer for such a role, thinking that they “don’t know everything”, and therefore aren’t qualified to teach. The fact of the matter is, you don’t need to be** the best turner in the club or be a professional teacher to be very effective in this role! If you are able to have someone come over to your shop and are willing to pass on the skills that have been passed on to you, then you would be a great mentor. All you need is to have a solid understanding of basic turning techniques and be able to show people how to turn safely. Remember that some of our new members have never turned before, and just need a little help to get started. Also, if you have an unusual thing that you do, many people, both new and longer-term members, would love to have a little one-on-one time with you. Special or unusual things might be things like pepper mills, bowls, segmented turning, hollow-forms, lidded boxes, coring, stabilizing wood, or many other skills we are all trying to master.

We will be bringing this up at the April meeting, but in the meantime, please think about volunteering to be identified as one of our mentors. I assure you that it will bring a great deal of satisfaction. It is also a great way to make new friends, and get even more enjoyment out of your SPSW membership.

Be safe and may your shavings look like angel hair!

John

The SPSW Board currently has 3 openings.

- AAW Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters relationship with the AAW
- A/V Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters Audio/Video equipment. Captures video at meetings, sawdust sessions and special events.
- Equipment Coordinator: Responsible for the chapters trailer and it's contents' (lathes, tools, video equipment).
- Please contact John Howard if you have questions or are interested in one of the openings.



## President's 2018 Challenges

We will continue to offer the by-monthly president's challenges that started last year.



Month	Challenge	Description	Winner
February	Pepper Mill	Completed	Bob Sievers
April	Embellished lathe turning	Create any sort of turning, but and use various techniques to enhance the piece. Examples of <b>“embellishments” include, but are not limited to, surface texturing, Rose engine turning, or adding color with dies, pens, or paints.</b>	
June	Segmented Turning	Cups, vessels, or bowls constructed out of rings of glued segments. Judged on number of pieces used (highest number does not automatically win) and the esthetics of the piece,	
August	One tool	Once the piece is mounted on the lathe, create a turned piece using only one tool. Pick any one tool to complete the entire project. No sanding or finish allowed. Judged on smoothness and lack of tear out.	
October	Inside/Outside	This technique involves turning 4 pieces at the same time to create a hollow, and then turning them around and gluing them together again, to turn the outside. The result is a hollow form open on the sides, and you can add various elements inside too. I suggest that you check YouTube videos Carl Jacobson inside out Turning for ideas	
December	Holiday Decor	Ornaments, table decorations, Menorahs, candle holders and other items used to decorate for the holidays	



## 2018 Event Calendar

<p>January 2018</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Jimmie Allen</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>30<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>February 2018</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Brad Huseby &amp; Mike Poirier</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>March 2018</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Mini symposium</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>21<sup>st</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg</p>
<p>May 2018</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>29<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>June 2018</p> <p>21<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Dan Ackerman</p> <p>23<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>26<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>July 2018</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p> <p>31<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>August 2018</p> <p>16<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>28<sup>th</sup>: Board Mtg</p>
<p>September 2018</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>22<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>October 2018</p> <p>18<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>30<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>November 2018</p> <p>15<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg TBA</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup>: Sawdust Session</p> <p>27<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting</p>	<p>December 2018</p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>: Membership Mtg Holiday Party</p> <p>No Sawdust Session</p>

**\* Sawdust Sessions: Bring safety equipment (eyewear, hearing, etc), bring a lunch, bring your tools if you have them**

### The Month at a Glance

- Membership Meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 6:00—9:00 pm at Fife Senior Ctr
- Sawdust Session: March 17<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Sawdust Session
- Board Meeting: March 28<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7:00—8:30 pm.  
Members welcomed. RSVP John Howard for location



## Photo's from the February Meeting

Photos by Fred Abeles. For additional club photos by Fred please visit his web site.

[South Puget Sound Woodturners Newest Photos](https://avoided-artist.smugmug.com/Woodworking/South-Puget-Sound-Woodturners)

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## Announcements



### **AAW's 32nd International Woodturning**

Symposium

#### **The AAW's 32nd International Woodturning**

Symposium will be held in Portland, Oregon, June 14-17, 2018. Visit the AAW website for more information.  
<http://www.woodturner.org>

### 2018 AAW Symposium Discount Registration Offer

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the AAW Symposium in Portland this summer! The AAW is offering SPSW members discounted registration for the Symposium to be held in Portland this coming June 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Convention Center. This meeting will be an opportunity to see world-class turners demonstrate, see works by other turners, and meet many people that share our interests in this endeavor.

To qualify for discounts of \$25 off the normal \$325/member registration, I need to express our commitment to organize a group of 10 or more SPSW members to attend the AAW before March 28<sup>th</sup>, and collect and send in the checks to the AAW before April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ten is a minimum number to qualify for the discount, but we can get the discount for all that wish to participate, provided we have their checks in hand and ready to send to the AAW by April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I will be passing around a sign-up sheet at the March meeting and will be collecting checks at the January, March and March meetings.

If you plan on going, this is a great chance to save a little money. Sign up, or better yet, bring your check to reserve your spot for this great meeting. If you can make the meeting contact me at (253) 370-5704 or e-mail me at [jhowardcdt@comcast.net](mailto:jhowardcdt@comcast.net). **Checks should be made out to the “American Association of Woodturners” in the amount of \$300. Credit cards are not accepted.**



This Powermatic 3520C (see both photos) will be raffled off at the Portland symposium.



### Local Chapter Information

- Seattle Membership Meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month, VFW Hall, 4330 148th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052 <https://seattlewoodturners.org>
- Woodturners of Olympia Membership Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, Olympia First Baptist Church, parking and entrance is located behind the church off Franklin St. SE, between 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.woodturnersofolympia.org>
- Olympic Peninsula Woodturners Meeting - last Wednesday of each month. Kitsap Adventist School Gymnasium 5088 NW Taylor Road, Bremerton. <http://opcaaw.com/>





## 2018 Membership

We are collecting 2018 dues. Dues for the whole family are \$35. We accept cash, check, Visa®, MasterCard®, American Express®, Discover® or debit card. This is still one of the best deals around. For this, you get a monthly meeting featuring top notch presenters, an avenue to display your talents, and a forum to seek advice and ask questions. You have access to a group of mentors who can help you improve your skills.

Also, there is a monthly open turning session (Sawdust Session) on the Saturday following the meeting. Use the membership application below pay at the meeting or mailing it to the address on membership form.

We now also have tile option for you to join, renew, purchase supplies or just donate, we are a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

Now is also a good time to sign up for the American Association of Wood turners (AAW). Annual memberships in the AAW operate on an anniversary cycle, whereby your membership will start with your join date and continue for one year.

If your level of membership includes a printed copy of the American Woodturners journal, you will receive six issues starting with the issue published after your join or renew date.

You can pay online! Go to our website, fill out the form, and pay with PayPal.

<http://www.spswoodturners.org/about/become-a-member>

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### South Puget Sound Woodturners (SPSW)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

How would like to receive the newsletter? Email: \_\_\_\_\_ US Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been turning? \_\_\_\_\_ AAW Member? \_\_\_\_\_

Interest: Spindle Turning \_\_\_\_\_ Bowls \_\_\_\_\_ Vases \_\_\_\_\_ Segmented turning \_\_\_\_\_ Tool making \_\_\_\_\_

Tool sharpening \_\_\_\_\_ Pen Making \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues for South Puget Sound Woodturners are \$35.00 annually. If paying by mail, make the check payable to South Puget Sound Woodturners (or SPSW) and mail this form to:

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PO Box 1792  
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*\* If paying online, visit our website, fill out the online form, and pay with PayPal.*